

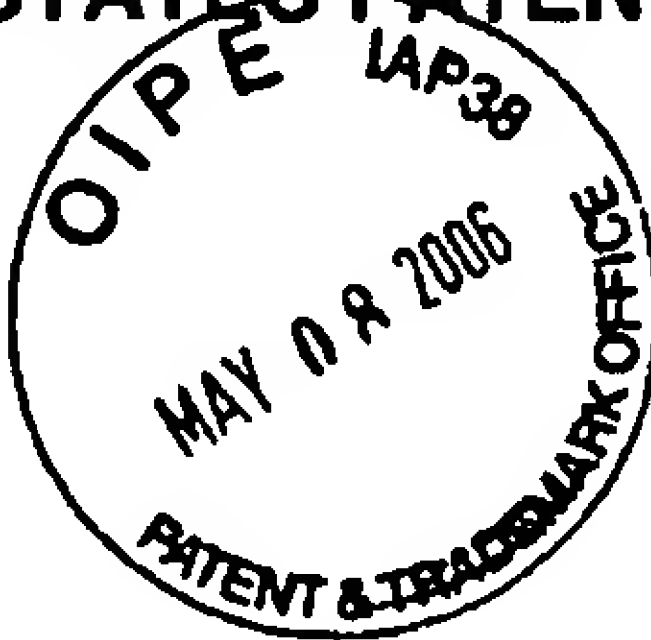
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FOR: SYNTHETIC POLYNUCLEOTIDE CODING FOR HUMAN LACTOFERRIN,  
VECTORS, CELLS AND TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING IT

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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND REFUND REQUEST**

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Sir:

On behalf of his client, the undersigned attorney asserts under 37 CFR § 1.27(c) that this application is entitled to small entity status and to pay fees accordingly.

A final Office Action was mailed on October 11, 2005. On Monday, February 13, 2006, Applicants filed an Amendment but inadvertently failed to pay \$60 for a one-month extension of time to respond. But the USPTO charged \$450 to the attorney's deposit account for a two-month extension of time to respond. Therefore, refund of the overpayment under 37 CFR § 1.28(a) of \$390 is requested: \$450 minus \$60 for the proper extension of time to respond. It is requested that the overpayment of \$390 be refunded to Applicants' attorney by crediting his firm's Deposit Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. 4161-14. For this purpose, a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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